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2. MUSIC: THEME 0.45

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7. life of Newington and its inhabitants. It has supplied materials  
8. to help build the village church, parsonage, town hall, school,  
9. and library. In late years it has furnished planks and timbers  
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MARY:



1. BESS: Yes, I'd like to get away, somewhere, anywhere, just for a  
2. little while.  
3. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Seems like there's no rest for the weary, Jerry.  
4. What's the matter, son? Our timber sales gettin' you down?  
5. JERRY: Well, I did put in a kinda hard week out in the woods, Jim.  
6. And besides, I sat in on those defense meetings Wednesday and  
7. Friday night and....  
8. MARY: Why Jerry Quick! We've all been working hard lately. Mrs.  
9. Robbins and I with our Red Cross work, sewing and first aid  
10. classes, and all, and Mr. Robbins with his regular work and his  
11. defense board activities. Why, you sound as though you were  
12. the only one around here who....  
13. BESS: Now, Mary! We'll stay right here if Jerry....  
14. JERRY: Whoa! What in the world did I start now? I was only thinking  
15. about saving the rubber on Jim's tires, see? If we went  
16. anywhere we'd have to take the car and ....  
17. JIM: I don't see why, Jerry. We could walk, couldn't we? Do us  
18. good after that dinner we just had.  
19. JERRY: (GROANS) Walk, did you say?  
20. MARY: Yes, that's what we'll do. We'll take a walk.  
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22. we can visit this afternoon. Our new town forest area. The  
23. Victory Forest.  
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1. JIM: The San Wing Victory Forest, Bess. Don't forget it was Sam
2. who finally convinced the Business Men's Club that we ought to
3. have a community forest and it was Sam who made the first real
4. contribution for it.
5. JERRY: Gosh, that's a whale of a long hike.
6. MARY: Well, you can just stay here by yourself, Mister Jerry. I, for
7. one, want to see the forest.
8. JERRY: O. K. O. K. You win.... I'll go along. Anything for unity
9. at a time like this.
10. JIM: Now you're talking, Jerry. If there's any one thing that's
11. important these days it's unity. Unity of purpose, unity of
12. action.
13. BESS: Suppose we all get our coats and get started, then.
14. JIM: There's one more little observation I want to make, Bess, and
15. then we'll hike.
16. JERRY: You have the floor, Professor Robbins.
17. MARY: Hush, Jerry!
18. JIM: Well, I was just thinking.... Notice how the four of us here
19. kinda want to be together every chance we get? Well, I guess
20. that same thing's happening to American families all over. If
21. the war's done anything it's made the family more solid than
22. in years.
23. BESS: Yes, Jim, I've thought of that. And all these civilian defense
24. activities and meetings that folks go to have brought about a
25. neighborliness that's ... well, that's actually inspiring.



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1. JERRY: (IMPATIENT) Well, if we're going to walk, let's walk... Before  
2. I get unneighborly and pull out of this happy family circle.

3. ALL LAUGH OUT

4. PAUSE

5. BESS: (FADING IN) So this is the Sam Wing Victory Forest.

6. JIM: Only a part of it, Bess. There's a lot more land beyond that  
7. hill there. About 800 acres in all. Winding Creek's got  
8. something here the town's goin' to be mighty proud of some day.

9. MARY: And Sam Wing is largely responsible with his generous  
10. contribution. That was wonderful.

11. JIM: Yes, and since Sam started the ball rolling other folks have  
12. made contributions, mostly in land lying alongside the original  
13. tract.

14. MARY: Tell me, Mr. Robbins, what are the next steps to be taken now  
15. that the town has the land for a public forest.

16. JERRY: Let me explain, Jim... You see, Mary, first of all a simple  
17. plan of management's got to be made for the forest. The State  
18. Forest Service is going to pitch in and help on that score.

19. JIM: Yeah, Mary, that's right. The forest's got to be protected from  
20. fire. That will be the first and most important point in the  
21. plan. Then, there's got to be some planting done here, and  
22. maybe some thinning in a few spots where the young stuff's  
23. coming in too thick for good growth, and maybe some pruning in  
24. the pines as they come along in size.

25. JERRY: And the plan will also provide for keeping livestock out of the  
forest and set up a defense against insect and fungous attacks.

1. (MURDER) Well, it seems going to wait a few weeks. But  
 2. I got wonderfully and out of this happy family circle.  
 3. ALL LAUGH OUT  
 4. PAUSE  
 5. (MURDER) So this is the same Wing Victory Forest.  
 6. Only a part of it, Bee. There's a lot more land beyond the  
 7. hill there. About 500 acres in all. Including Green's lot.  
 8. something have the town's plan to be nearly twice as big.  
 9. and then being in largely responsible with his enormous  
 10. contribution. That was wonderful.  
 11. and since she wanted the ball rolling over the forest  
 12. and contribution, mostly in land lying alongside the railroad  
 13. tract.  
 14. Tell me, Mr. Robinson, what was the next step to be taken on  
 15. that the town has the land for a public forest.  
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 17. plan of management's got to be made for the forest. The town  
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 24. the places as they come along in size.  
 25. But the plan will also provide for keeping livestock out of the  
 forest and set up a station against insects and feline animals.



1. BESS: I understand, Mary, that if the work warrants it, a professional
2. forestry man may even be employed.
3. JIM: Yeah, but before then everybody'll be pitchin' in to make this
4. community forest a success - the Business Club men, the Ladies
5. Club, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls...
6. It'll be a real community forest. Set up for the people, for
7. the use and enjoyment of all the folks around.
8. JERRY: And managed by the people too, Jim. Don't forget that. Like
9. our own Pine Cone National Forest, there's goin' to be tree
10. crops produced here for all time.
11. JIM: Yep. Timber to be cut sensibly to provide income and jobs; a
12. forest that youngsters of the town can study in and play in;
13. a home for animals and birds.
14. JERRY: Yeah. Just like a small-sized edition of our National Forest
15. Why, you're all so thrilled about this forest. And you wanted
16. to stay home, Jerry, didn't you? But you're just as excited
17. as the rest of us.
18. JERRY: Well, uh, I ...
19. JIM: Seems like somebody else is paying a Sunday visit to the new
20. town forest.
21. BESS: Who, Jim? Where?
22. MARY: Oh, you mean that little old lady down there in that opening,
23. Mr. Robbins?
24. JIM: Yeah, she keeps standing there, looking at us as if maybe she
25. doesn't know whether or not she's got a right to be there.

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as the rest of us.  
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doesn't know whether or not she's got a right to be there.



1. BESS: Let's go and talk to her, Jim. She does seem a bit uncertain.

2. JIM: All right, Bess. Let's go.

3. JERRY: Wonder what she's got in that newspaper bundle?

4. MARY: Don't be so noseey, Jerry.

5. JERRY: Well, a feller can wonder, can't he?

6. JIM: Hello there!

7. MARTHA: (UNCERTAIN) Good day to all of you.

8. JIM: I'm Jim Robbins. This is Mrs. Robbins and Jerry Quick and Mary Halloway.

9. MARTHA: How do you do? I'm Mrs. King. Martha King. From Leesville, up in the north part of the county.

10. ALL: Hello Mrs. King.

11. MARTHA: I... I'm not sure I've come to the right place. This is the ... the Victory Forest I read about in the paper last week, ain't it?

12. BESS: Yes, Mrs. King. This is part of the new Sam Wing Victory Forest.

13. MARTHA: It's public, ain't it? I mean a person's got a right to come here, ain't they?

14. JIM: Of course, Mrs. King, of course. You've got as much right here as anybody. This is as much your forest as anybody's.

15. MARTHA: That's what the paper said. That this was goin' to be a com... a community forest and folks were welcome to come here and help build it up.

16. JIM: Yes, that's the idea all right, Mrs. King.

17. MARTHA: Then you reckon it will be all right Mister... uh, Mister....

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1. JIM: Robbins is the name. Jim Robbins.
3. MARTHA: You reckon it would be all right then if I was to plant a
3. little pine tree I got with me here in this newspaper, Mr.
4. Robbins?
5. JERRY: So that's what it is. A little pine tree.
6. JIM: I can't see how anybody could object to that, Mrs. King. In
7. fact, planting trees is being encouraged a lot these days. And
8. we sure need some more trees in this town forest.
9. MARTHA: Well, then, I'll just get to work and plant my tree here.
10. This place will be all right, won't it?
11. JIM: Yes indeed. It's pretty bare along here and it's a good spot
12. for pine.
13. MARTHA: That's just what I thought. Now, if you'll excuse me....
14. MARY: Why don't you let us help you, Mrs. King? Mr. Robbins and
15. Jerry are both forest rangers and they've planted many, many
16. trees.
17. JERRY: We'll be glad to help you, Mrs. King. Did you bring along a
18. shovel?
19. MARTHA: You're all mighty kind, but I got to plant this tree my own
20. self. I can just scoop out a place with my hands. The ground's
21. not hard... I can manage all right.
22. BESS: Maybe .... maybe we ought to leave, Jim. Maybe Mrs. King would
23. rather be alone here, and plant her tree by herself.
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JIM:

MARTHA:

JERRY:

JIM:

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JIM:

MARTHA:

MARY:

JERRY:

MARTHA:

BESS:

looking at the name, Jim Hobbs.

Now reason it would be all right then if I was to plant

little pine trees I got with me here in this swampy

place.

So that's what it is. A little pine tree.

I can't see how anybody could object to that Mrs. King.

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We were good some time in this town forest.

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 2. folks and ... well, I'd like for you to watch me. You can tell  
 3. me if I'm doin' it wrong.

4. MARY: Here, put this paper, (CRACKLING PAPER) under your knees, Mrs.  
 5. King. It's a little damp.

6. MARTHA: Thank you, Miss.... You reckon I've got this hole scraped out  
 7. deep enough now, Mr. Robbins?

8. JIM: Yes, that's plenty deep. Just keep those roots spread out and  
 9. down so you don't cramp 'em. That's right. Now pull the loose  
 10. dirt in around them. Fine....

11. JERRY: Better press that earth good and solid now, Mrs. King.

12. MARTHA: Yes, I know.... There.... It does look pretty, don't it?

13. BESS: I know your little tree will grow fine, Mrs. King.

14. MARTHA: Thank you... That's what I want it to do. You see, I wanted  
 15. to plant it for my boy, Roger.

16. MARY: Oh! He couldn't come himself?

17. MARTHA: No, ma'am. Roger's not with me any more.

18. JIM: That's too bad, ma'am.

19. BESS: Yes, we're so sorry.

20. MARTHA: He died servin' his country, Roger did. Last week... This  
 21. little tree's one of a batch he planted out back of the barn  
 22. last year. Seein's how he died for his country I kinda thought  
 23. it'd be nice to have a tree for him here in this Victory Forest.

24. JERRY: Was he.... was your son with the boys at Pearl Harbor or some  
 25. other place, Mrs. King?

Oh, no, please don't go away, Mrs. Robbins. You told me you

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1. MARTHA: No, sir. Roger weren't no sailor or soldier. He was too young  
 3. for that, with him only fifteen.  
 3. JIM: But you said he gave his life in the service of his country.  
 4. MARTHA: Well, I ... sorta feel like he did. You see, Roger was just a  
 5. farm lad. But he was quite a mechanic, an' he knew all the ins  
 6. and outs of farm machinery, he did, and after the war started,  
 7. he worked day and night. Helpin' everybody miles around  
 8. whenever they needed help with their broken down farm equipment.  
 9. Whenver he got called to fix a neighbor's tractor or the like  
 10. he'd swell up like a peacock and say how he was helpin' to win  
 11. the war by keepin' things rolling. One night last week he...  
 12. he....  
 13. BESS: Maybe, if you'd rather not explain, Mrs. King...  
 14. MARTHA: Well he got this call to fix a tractor down at Bill Peter's  
 15. place... He never got there, though. You see, there was an  
 16. accident, and... I reckon a person's got a right, ain't they,  
 17. to say that a boy like that, workin' day and night, oheerfully  
 18. and willin'ly to help keep things rollin', ... to say that he  
 19. fave his life for his country?  
 20. JIM: Yes, Mrs. King. A perfect right to say so. Your son Roger was  
 21. a hero and a fighting man, to my way of thinking. There's  
 22. battlefields to be fought on here, you know, besides those on  
 23. foreign shores.  
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JIM:

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 2. local public forests can get a copy of a booklet on "Community  
 3. Forests" published by the Forest Service. Just address a  
 4. postcard to the Forest Service, U . S. Department of  
 5. Agriculture, Washington, D. C. and ask for the booklet "Community  
 6. Forests" ... Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers has been a presentation  
 7. of the Blue Network, with the cooperation of the Forest Service,  
 8. United States Department of Agriculture.  
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